



Press Release

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On: TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY
UP 2 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.09 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from last year's level of 1.07 million head.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 870,000 head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding ewes one year old and older were up 6 percent, at 690,000 head. Replacement lambs were down 7 percent from last year at 135,000 head.

The 2005 lamb crop totaled 560,000 head, up 8 percent from 2004, State Director Robin Roark reported.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 4 percent from last year, totaling 220,000 head. Sheep for market totaled 10,000 head, equal to last year, while lambs for market totaled 210,000 head, down 4 percent from last year.

Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 95,000 head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 40,000 head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 45,000 head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 30,000 head.

The January 1 Texas goat inventory was up 4 percent from last year at 1.32 million head.

Angora goats totaled 210,000 head, unchanged from last year, while meat and other goats were up 5 percent from last year to 1.08 million head.

Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from 2005.

United States breeding sheep inventory on January 1, 2006, increased 2 percent to 4.64 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent higher than last year.

The 2005 lamb crop was 4.13 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.59 million head on January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total.

Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds accounted for 43 percent of the total; 65 to 84 pounds, 18 percent; 85 to 105 pounds, 20 percent; and more than 105 pounds, 14 percent. Market sheep account for 5 percent.

Nationally, the Angora goat inventory totaled 278,000 head compared with 280,000 head in 2005.

**SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY,
LAMB CROP AND SHEEP OPERATIONS ^{1/}**

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2006 as percent of 2005
	2005	2006	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
All sheep and lambs	1,070	1,090	102
Breeding sheep and lambs	840	870	104
Ewes 1 year old and older	650	690	106
Rams 1 year old and older	45	45	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old . .	145	135	93
Market sheep and lambs	230	220	96
Sheep 1 year old and over	10	10	100
Lambs under 1 year old	220	210	96
Under 65 pounds	100	95	95
65-84 pounds	40	40	100
85-105 pounds	50	45	90
Over 105 pounds	30	30	100
All goats	*1,270	1,320	104
Angora goats	210	210	100
Milk goats	30	30	100
Meat and other goats	*1,030	1,080	105
	2004	2005	2005 as percent of 2004
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
Lamb crop	520	560	108

^{1/} Inventory estimates now include Barbado and all hair sheep and lambs. * Revised.